IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: GILL Examiner: Evans, J.

Serial No.: 10/811,524 Group Art Unit: 2627

Filed: March 29, 2004 Docket No.: HSJ920040003US1 (HITG.075PA-0544)

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A CURRENT-IN-

PLANE (CIP) GMR SENSOR WITH AN IMPROVED IN-STACK BIAS

LAYER WITH A THINNER SENSOR STACK

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2005, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.